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[Cooperstown, NY]

GEORGE L. BLODGETT
COOPERSTOWN, N. Y.

April 17th.1930

Mr. Sidney P.Noe, Secretary,
Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 157th. Street,
New York,N.Y.

My dear Sir:-

I have what I am told is a"King of Kings"medal.I have considerable information concerning it.Some say it was coined in the Third Century,another that it was coined in the Fifth Century,still others that it is of the Seventh Century and another that it is of the Seventeenth Century.They can not all be correct.Therefore I am hoping you can give me some real information. To that end I am enclosing a drawing of what is said to be from another medal just like the one I have.Mine is not plain enough to show to the extent of having so good a drawing made.

I wanted to get a"rub"of my medal,or coin but do not know exactly how to proceed to get results.

Any information you can give me will be very much appreciated,

Believe me Sir,

Yours very truly,

G. L. Blodgett

GLB:PM

(P.S. Kindly return in N S Nd.)

April 18th 1930

Mr. George L. Blodgett
Cooperstown, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 17th is at hand and although the rubbings are none too clear, I gather that the coin you have is similar to the pen and ink sketch which accompanies the rubbings. This is a bronze coin of the Byzantine Empire, probably of the XIth century, though possibly of the XIIth. The inscription translated, would read, "JESUS CHRIST KING OF KINGS" . These pieces of bronze are very common and the value is consequently slight in terms of money. What its value may be in inducing you to learn something of the period in which it was issued is quite another matter. I am sure you would have access to the "Encyclopaedia Britannica", and I would suggest your consulting the article "Numismatics" and the sub-section there under devoted to Byzantine Coins. Should you visit New York in the near future, we should be glad to have you come to our Museum and bring the coin with you. It may be possible to attribute it more accurately after examining it.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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April 22nd.1930.

Mr.Sydney P.Noe,Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th. St.
New York,N.Y.

My dear Sir:-

I want to thank you for your very nice letter of April 18th.in answer to my inquiry relative to the"King of Kings"coin I have.

I found,at your suggestion,a very interesting article in the"Encyclopaedia Britannica"on Numismatics.Very stupid in me not thinking to consult this work.Many thanks for calling my attention to it.

I would indeed enjoy looking through your Museum.I will avail myself of your very kind invitation at some future date,

Believe me, Sir,

Yours very truly,

GLB:FM

G. L. Blodgett.